conditions prescribed therein. The details in this regard are indicated in the statement enclosed. (*see below*). According to these instructions, alteration of date of birth recorded in the service book of a government servant on the basis of High School or Higher Secondary certificate is allowed subsequently on the basis of documentary evidence of extract from Birth Register Subject to his fulfilling the conditions prescribed therein.

Statement

Note 5 below Fundamental Rules 56—"Note 5—the date on which a Government servant attains the age of fifty-eight years or sixty years, as the case may be, shall be determined with reference to the date of birth declared by the Government servant at the time of appointment and accepted by the appropriate authority on production, as far as possible, of confirmatory documentary evidence such as High School or Higher Secondary or Secondary School Certificate or extracts from Birth Register. The date of birth so declared by Government servant and accepted by the appropriate authority shall not be subject to any alteration except as specified in this note. An alteration of date of birth of a Government servant can be made with the sanction of a Ministry or Department of the Central Government, or the Comptroller and Auditor General in regard to persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, or an administrator of an Union Territory under which the Government servant is serving, if—

(a) a request in this regard is made within five years of his entry into Government service;

(b) it is clearly established that a genuine bonafide mistake has occurred; and

(c) the date of birth so altered would not make him ineligible to appear in any School or University or Union Public Service Commission examination in which he had appeared, or for entry into Government service on the date on which he first appeared at such examination or on the date on which he entered Government service."

Electronic Policy

1410. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times of 5th April, 1986 under the caption 'Government ready to modify electronic policy', if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have considered the suggestion as to how best the change in electronic policy would help in optimising the productivity in key sectors viz., agriculture, industry, transport, communication services etc,; and

(c) if so, by when the new electronic policy is likely to be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Secretary, Department of Electronics in a FICCI —sponsored India—Japan syposium on electronics, had stated that the main objective of Government of India in promoting the growth of electronics in the country was to increase productivity, in all the key

sectors of the national economy. In order to achieve this increase in productivity substantially, if any proposals are forthcoming, which perhaps require some modification to the electronics policy, the Government would not be averse to considering it. However, at the moment there is no proposal to modify the principles of electronics policy that have been announced in the recent past.

Issuing of passports by Khalistani Diplomatic Missions Abroad

1411. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of 30th March, 1986 to the effect that so-called Khalistani diplomatic missions are operating in Canada and elsewhere and are issuing passports in the name of Khalistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have information regarding the presence of self-styled diplomatic Missions of so-called Khalistan in Canada and Equado and about the issue of Khalistan passports by persons describing themselves as Consul General, Ambassador etc. These self-styled diplomatic missions have not been recognised by any foreign Goverments.

(c) Government have raised this issue with the authorities in the countries concerned with the request to take appropriate legal action against such imposters under local laws.

Constitution of statutory development boards in Maharashtra

1412. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the opinion of the Governor of Maharashtra about the scheme submitted by State Government with regard to formation of Statutory Development Boards for Vidarbha and other area, under article 371 of the Constitution of India has been received;

(b) when the Resolution passed unanimously by two legislatures of Maharashtra on 26th July, 1984 about setting up Development Board under Article 371 of the Constitution of India was received by the Central Government;

(c) how many references were made back to State Government on its proposals; and

(d) by when such boards are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (d) In August, 1984, a communication was received from the Government of Maharashtra recommending establishment of separate Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra under the provisions of article 371(2) of the Constitution on the basis of a Resolution passed by both the House of State Legislature. The draft scheme received from the State Government in November, 1985 in response to a reference dated 29th May, 1985 from the Ministry for establishment of Development Boards under the said Constitutional provision is under consideration of the